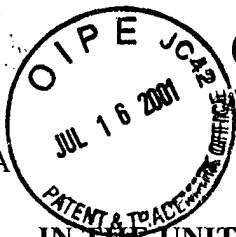


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO INITIAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 18, 2000, please amend the above-captioned Application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please **AMEND** Claims 1, 6 and 20 so that they read as follows:

a<sup>1</sup> 1. **(Once Amended)** A composition for topical use comprising greater than approximately 25% L-ascorbic acid, by weight, and a non-aqueous carrier, wherein said composition has a pH of greater than that of skin.

g<sup>2</sup> 6. **(Once Amended)** The composition of Claim 1, wherein said composition comprises greater than 30% ascorbic acid.

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